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Re: New U.S. Patent Application  
For: APPARATUS, METHOD, AND COMPUTER  
PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR IMAGE PROCESSING  
By: Tsutomu YAMAZAKI  
Attorney Docket No. 15162/01860

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the following papers relating to an APPARATUS, METHOD, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR IMAGE PROCESSING, Tsutomu YAMAZAKI, inventor:

- (1) Specification;
- (2) Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- (3) Formal Drawings (7 sheets);
- (4) Certified Copy of Priority Document;

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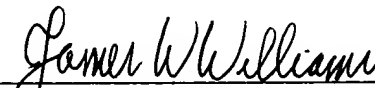
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Dear Sir:

**CERTIFIED COPY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT**

Submitted herewith is a certified copy of Japanese  
Patent Application No. 11-118578, filed April 26, 1999.

Priority benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119/365 for this Japanese patent application is claimed for the above-identified United States patent application.

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